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flexibility of adjusting state aid to share the pain, so to speak. And I don't want to do that. I was thinking the process that will happen, if...I'm sure I'm correct, the appropriations process will be in the Appropriations Committee, but the change in the percentage will come from the Education Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And I would guess that that would be...that will be a fight at that point -- those that will want to lower the commitment for property tax relief versus those that say we've got to cut the money--and we'll be back to the same kind of tensions we're having now on fighting over the money that's there or not there, depending on your perspective. But if you add all these bottom...add all the dollars that we are looking at for next year and squeezing in the vetoes above that may or may not be overridden, I don't know how we're going to do anywhere near what we're accustomed to doing facing the costs that, once again, I'll spend a little more time on individually. But I, at this point, wearing Appropriations Committee hat, so to speak, I have come to the conclusion that we should not give up our flexibility at this point not knowing what's ahead of us. And if...if, in fact, we can afford it I'm sure we will do it, but I, at this point, believe that leaving it out of statute is the best way to go and I will not support to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ... override LB 1107.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Tyson, on the motion to override.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Would Senator Wehrbein yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you yield, please?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Wehrbein, how much is the budget for school aid, state aid to schools this year, total?